

PLANNING APPEALS MEETINGS, NUMBER, TIME LIMIT AND CANCELLATION

574. Hon. C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

I refer the Minister to meetings with Planning Appeals staff and ask -

- (a) how often are these meetings scheduled;
- (b) how many of these scheduled meetings have been cancelled by the Minister;
- (c) have other meetings been scheduled to make up for the cancelled meetings;
- (d) how many of the rescheduled meetings have been cancelled;
- (e) is there a time limit placed on these meetings;
- (f) what is that time limit;
- (g) is this time limit extended to make up for the cancelled meetings;
- (h) on average, how many appeals are dealt with at these meetings; and
- (i) how many appeals, that have been recommended to be upheld, are awaiting the Minister's determination?

Ms A.J. MacTIERNAN replied:

- a) Meetings between the Minister and the Town Planning Appeals Committee are regularly scheduled for once a fortnight and often weekends or after hours.
- b) Some meetings have been rescheduled from time to time due to government priorities.
- c) Yes
- d) See (b) above.
- e)&f) The duration of meetings is usually 3 hours.
- g) Additional meetings are scheduled to make up for those cancelled.
- h) Approximately 10.
- i) 17.